India's exports to China

2320. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite India's exports to China galloping high almost every quarter, significantly a large portion of exports comprises of only four basic items like iron ore, slag, coal ash and steel;

(b) whether in view of price realisation being much less on these primary material, India would attempt to export such commodities with value addition; and

(c) whether, on the contrary, Chinese imports into India comprises of value-added items like mobile communication gadgets, radio telephone handsets, DVD/VCD players etc.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) Major items of exports from India to China are diverse and *inter alia* include iron ore, primary & semi-finished iron and steel, and value added items which include plastic & linoleum products, processed minerals & chemicals, drugs & pharmaceuticals and marine products etc. Chinese imports into India comprise electronic goods, organic chemicals, pharmaceutical products etc.

National design policy

2321. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a National Design Policy to make India a designer hub in the world;

(b) whether any study has been conducted about the potential that India has to offer to MNCs and overseas clients;

(c) whether any consultations/meetings with the stake-holders have been held in this regard; and

(d) if so, what is the outcome of the consultations/meetings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (d) Government has initiated an exercise with the intention of formulating a National Design Policy in consultation with various stakeholders. Accordingly, Interactive